

***\*For additional resources on drug related behaviors:***

TOGETHER! Community Prevention Organization  
[www.thurstontogether.org/Pubs/Parenting/Meth\\_faqs.pdf](http://www.thurstontogether.org/Pubs/Parenting/Meth_faqs.pdf)

National Institute on Drug Abuse  
[www.drugabuse.gov](http://www.drugabuse.gov)

***\*\*For additional resources on signs of a drug lab:***

The M Files: Meth and Marijuana Resource Tool  
[www.mfiles.org](http://www.mfiles.org)

***If you suspect a meth lab on your property contact:***

Local Law Enforcement

Anonymous Meth Hotline  
1-888-609-6384

**For more copies, please contact:**  
Washington State Department of Health  
Office of Environmental Health & Safety  
Local Health Support Section  
P.O. Box 47825  
Olympia, WA 98504-7825  
1-888-586-9427

**Or visit our Web site:**  
<http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/CDL.HTM>



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# Preventing Drug Labs on Your Property

## *Tips for Landlords*



***Small changes can  
protect your investment***

# The Costs are Huge

***When drug criminals operate out of rental property, owners pay a high price...***

- *Loss of rent*
- *Civil penalties*
- *Damaged property*
- *Decline in property values*
- *Dangerous, threatening tenants*
- *Resentful and angry neighbors*
- *Loss of other valued tenants*

**FACTS:** *Over half of residential drug labs are found on rental property.*

*Property owners are responsible for decontamination costs.*

*Decontamination costs average \$6500 for a 1200 sq. ft. home.*

# Small Changes Prevent Big Problems

***At the time of rental application, take these easy steps...***

- *Ensure application is complete*
- *Conduct background check for:*
  - Rental history      Employment history*
  - Credit report      Criminal background*
- *Meet every adult moving into the unit and require picture identification*
- *Be aware of renter's appearance and behaviors\**

***Visit your property often and watch for signs of a drug lab...***

- *Excessive garbage, specific to making meth\*\**
- *Blackened windows or drawn curtains*
- *Frequent visitors at all hours*
- *Paranoid/odd behavior*
- *Extensive security*
- *Chemical odors*